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SEPTEMBER CIRCULATION.

The net total circulation of The Washington Times (daily) during the month of September was 1,407,412, all copies left over and aturned being eliminated. This number then divided by 25, the number of days of ubilication, shows the net daily average for eptember to have been 54,151.

*September, 1911, includes 29,109 extra parers sold on Labor Day and 29,886 extra papers (Beattie verdict) sold on September 8, seducting these figures, the average net circulation for September is shown to have been 1,478.

Sunday.

The net total circulation of The Washington Times (Sunday) during the month of Septem-ber was 185,600, all copies left over and re-turned by agents being eliminated. This number, when divided by 4, the number of Sundays during September, shows the net Sunday average for September to have been 44,400.

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If the world's series lasted all the there wouldn't be a same fan

The District Health Department proposes a pamphlet campaign against rats. But suppose the rats can't read? The railway surgeons now in session

here leave the impression that 'am and heggs are about the safest breakfast After twenty-five years membership

in the East Washington Citizens' Association, Thomas W. Smith has resigned. His counsel will be missed. Whether it's "babes in the woods" or

the girls of a larger growth, "Cy" Cummings may be counted upon to render any assistance that may be necessary. Naturalist Hollister, of the Smith-

sonian Institution, is back from British Columbia, where he secured some very valuable specimens, including nine hundred birds and mammals. Chief Probation Officer Dillon is

"making good" from the start. He has succeeded in winning the confidence and esteem of the boys, and that is the most important point to be gained. The army aviationists will soon be

on their way to the South, where they will conduct their winter experiments. Washington will miss the thrills these daring officers have thus far afforded

The Petworth Citizens' Association has joined in the general movement for universal transfers, and will lend considerable strength to the movement which is securing support from so many quar-

The four hundred Masons who sat down to their annual banquet last night presented an inspiring scene, and their happiness was made more complete by the fact that they were allowed to

Rabbi David Marx, of Atlanta, who his time. is in the city to take his thirty-third degree as a Mason, is among the most gifted scholars of the South, and man whose popularity among all creeds has but few parallels.

Even divorcees must recognize the revealed at Juvenile Court in which a woman lives in the house with her divorced husband though neither has spoken to the other for two years.

ration a saving of more than \$52,000 has been effected during this year, but the soldiers feel that they would deploy to much greater advantage with the aid of a drumstick now and then.

Raymond Riordan, a former Washington school teacher and night school director, is the second Capital man whose services have been enlisted by Elbert Hubbard for his school at East Aurora. H. W. White left a month ago to go there.

The Junior Order of American Mechanics of the District will ask President Taft to attend Thanksgiving services at Wesley Methodist Episcopai Chapel. The services are to be held on one of the Sunday evenings near Thanksgiving day.

Commissioner of Internal Revenue Cabell is a man of courage. Ardent baseball fan that he is, yet in the midst of that exciting ninth inning yesterday he deserted the score board to do five minutes work in his office. Some achievement, that!

And now it has been arranged to make Seventh and Ninth streets great white ways, in the same manner as the Avenue. Lights of 2,000-candlepower placed at intervals of 100 feet will make an effective illumination, and the entire plan is worthy of the Capital

Miss Clara Barton, founder of the American Red Cross, has returned to her home at Glen Echo after a severe illness. It is highly gratifying to her many friends, not only here but all over

adequate pension fund for the firemen and policemen will meet with the heartiest co-operation on the part of the people of the District. Instances like that of the two firemen who recently Better still, without hurling a moral at Co

DR. WILEY'S ECONOMIC PHILOSOPHY.

We seem to have elected Dr. Wiley to the position of national lecturer emeritus on things generally. The doctor is in demand everywhere. If he had ten duplicated personalities and a megaphone attachment to each one he could not get around to all the organizations, societies, associations, and the like that want to hear him.

The doctor always has something interesting to say, and commonly something with which it is easy to agree. He proposes remedies for social and economic evils that most everybody thinks would be fine; but just how to put them into effect is a problem that has been worrying some generations of humanity.

Dr. Wiley talked to the Twilight Club in New York last night, and suggested as the great social evil the concentration of too much population in the cities. As the remedy he suggested that he would have laws to prevent the establishment of any more factories in cities. He would not drive out the the small towns. This would put the operatives where they could have their own small gardens, produce something DIANA JOINS IN THE 'POSSUM to eat, and get the physical benefits incident to such diversions.

Dr. Wiley has made no striking discovery. Many people have thought of this plan before him, but the congestion in cities goes right on, none the less. It is not merely a problem of this country. European cities have been growing just as fast or faster than American in the last forty years, and from about the same causes. Their situation is more acute than ours because the margin between production and consumption of eatables is narrower there than here. They have food the thrill of realizing that the cunning riots; we escape with no more serious manifestation, thus far, than universal grumbling about the cost of living. But that is premonitory of the European manifestation.

The city is a magnet that irresistibly attracts humanity. Its attraction can be neutralized by making the country and the village equally attractive. Not enough is done in this direction. The Roosevelt country life commission had a deal of fun poked at it, but it was on the right track and deserved more consideration. The cities are full of people who have no business there; who would be producers in the country, but are not in the cities. But how to stop the congestion of just such people in the towns has never been explained. Dr. Wiley's proposal would help, but it will be a long time getting adopted, because there are many sound economic reasons in favor of the concentration of factory production around the marketing centers of the cities.

WHY A HUMORIST PRODUCES A "CAVE MAN."

There is no reason, in the nature of things, why the humorist should not penetrate to the very hidden springs of life and sweep the whole gamut of human emotions. It was that master punster, "Tom" Hood, who wrote "The Song of the Shirt." George du Maurier turned away from the drawing of pert misses and consumptive matrons for the pages of "Punch," and wrote the most absorbing and original novel of

And yet the public will never cease to be surprised when it finds a writer of nonsense suddenly exchanging his goosequil for the shining lance of Ithuriel. It is slow to look into its high cost of living. A situation was own heart and find that "there's a fountain of tears by the fountain of mirth." It looks on with doubt and perplexity when the clowns of literature give us some convincing sketch of By cutting out chicken from the army life and reveal a second personality even stronger than the first.

We have an instance of all this when the author of "Goops" writes "The Cave Man," a play which is being presented at the National Theater this week. A manager whose opinion is judged. entitled to respect used to insist that Stuart Robson was-potentially, at stone or drive a nail, but the question least-the greatest tragedian of his time. It seems scarcely less absurd than to think of Gelett Burgess as an American Ibsen. It looks as incon- Plan to Aid Backward gruous as if Bottom the Weaver had created the character of Shakespeare. It is like Johnny Lowlow declaiming the stanzas of Swinburne.

over, the facts are before us. The meeting of the Special Child Club to be achievement is its own answer to the incredulous. In this unique and surprising drama Burgess has gone to the very roots of the social order. He has brought forth the primitive man's men. brought forth the primitive man's mental attitude of crude candor, not yet sophisticated by conventions, and brought it into relation with the tinsel shams of conventional society. He has used the knotted club of the cave dweller to smash the rouge pots of the boudoir.

And yet, with the discrimination of Gives Lecture Before the true artist, the author directs his shafts solely against the shams, and the country, to know that her condition has greatly improved, and it is hoped that she will soon be entirely restored to health.

The regular meeting of the Wasnington Society in the washed last night in Cosmos Club Hall. The mechanical aspects of the gyrostat was the subject of a lecture by Prof. W. S.

Whatever methods may be employed in the way of benefits to raise an virtues, is superior to the man who in the way of benefits to raise an virtues, is superior to the man who social hour, with refreshments followed. An informal smoker and in the way of benefits to raise an virtues, is superior to the man who social hour, with refreshments followed. not against the finer amenities which adapts himself to social usages and

"Bears, without reproach, The grand old name of gentleman

lost their lives leaving helpless families us, "The Cave Man" makes us think, have stirred the general public. and no higher praise could be bestowed

upon play or novel.

All this comes from the man who would be glad to have us forget that he gave us "the purple cow." That the man who wrote the one should have written the other is, we repeat, not only consistent but entirely logical. A sense of humor develops most naturally in the man who can see life at all angles, but an explanation which lies even more upon the surface is found in the fact that the basis of humor is the placing of things in strange and unexpected relations with one another. The placing of the cave man in Lady Mechante's circle of verd antique and veneer is just such an incongruity. It is not farcical because the canvas is broad enough to take in all the elemental passions and emotions of the primitive man, thereby dominating the grotesquerie of a sham so ciety which would otherwise be laugh-

Since it is too much to ask the public, as a whole, to realize that our humorists, even our farceurs, are our true philosophers, one cannot blame Mr. Burgess for wishing to turn his ones now there, but he would try to garish cow out to pasture, and if he writes much more with the stamp of win his wish.

HUNT.

Not yet is the frost upon the pumpkin, nor all the fodder in the shock, but impatient sportsmen are already beginning to take up the 'possum hunt. Perhaps it is not so thrilling as shooting Thompson gazelles and okapis in the heart of the African forest, but for downright enjoyment there are few things to compare with it. The exhilarating chill in the evening air, the long walks through the mazes of the forest, the distant bay of the dogs, and marsupial has been "treed," give a can afford.

it has usually been regarded as essentially a sport for men, in the broader sense which includes youths and boys. Seldom has it been thought of as a sport for women. A Washington authority overthrows this narrow theory, however. He not only maintains that it is excellently adapted to women, but he has proved it. At his country home, over in Virginia, he has been entertaining a week-end party where his wife showed herself a doubly charming hostess by initiating are very good to look at. her women guests into the mysteries of a 'possum hunt. That it was not a dilettanti outing of Watteau shepherdesses is demonstrated by the fact that two 'possums were bagged in the course of the evening, and we are left to infer that the next day's dinner was crowned by that most delightful of

dishes, 'possum and 'taters. It would be tempting fate to essay, for the benefit of the unenlightened, description of that rustic delicacy. The gamey flavor, the spices, and the syruplike juice exuding from the candied yams would intoxicate the very powers of description. Adequately executed such a description would start half the population of the community to DAWE APPRECIATES the woods and the 'possum would soon be as extinct as the great pterodactyl.

And yet one may be pardoned for To the Editor of THE TIMES: pausing to reflect just how far the fair Dianas of the chase actually paronly instrument approaching a weapon known reliability. in character is the ax with which the persimmon tree, let us say, must be mile trip, having visited thirty-two cut down. In lieu of this heroic cities in twelve States of the South. measure, as all experienced 'possum hunters will tell you, the only thing to do is to climb the tree! This is an art in itself. It takes the place of what ing in all States of the South, because would be marksmanship in the ordinary hunt. It is the measure of skill products. by which the possum hunter must be

We have outgrown the bromides as still confronts us, Can Diana climb a

And Wayward Children

A winter campaign to broaden the interest of backward and wayward And yet with no disposition to slop children will be inaugurated at the first

special schools.

The first meeting will be taken up with the election of officers, and arrangements will be made then for a special meeting at which Dr. W. M. Davidson will be asked to be the principal speaker.

Washington Engineers

st: followed. An informal smoker and social hour, with refreshments, followed the business meeting.

The next meeting of the society will be held on the night of November 7 in the Chesspeake and Potomac Telephone Company's hall.

Julia Murdock Says Louise Gunning, Charming and Melodious, In "The Balkan Princess," Needs No Eulogy to Win Admiration

Dainty Singer, in Gorgeous Raiemnt, Gives Fine Performance.

INTERPOLATED ARIA **GETS THREE RECALLS**

Prima Donna Achieves Personal Triumph in Musical Play of Unusual Merit.

The State of Massachusetts, it was remarked in Washington many years igo, needs no eulogy. Neither does Miss Louise Gunning, prima donna of "The Balkan Princess," which opened a fivenight's engagement at the Belasco Thelast night. But the chances are that if Daniel Webster were living he would deal out considerable of his compel others to seek the country and "The Cave Man" upon it he will easily Gunning, her musical play and her commatchless rhetoric in praise of Miss

Miss Gunning is acclaimed by many as the possessor of the best soprano voice in light opera, and the judgment seemed true last night when she poured forth in her pure tones, so full of melody, an interpolated aria, "His Return," from Caro Roma's cycle, "The Wander ing One." A delighted audience made Miss Gunning sing it three times. That the singer was adorning and adorned by an exquisite gown of chiffon over satin with scads of real pearls as embroidery and shoulder straps, did not detract from the enthusiasm of her auditors and spectators. A double circle of large pearls ran as a bandeau round her head and a gleaming white feather algrette added a chic touch.

The charm of musical comedies, or 'musical plays' or light operas, is proportionate among other things to the spontanelty with which he performers seem to laugh and sing and dance. Of sense of enjoyment which few sports course, such seeming blithe and merry spontaneity is much of an art-and not an easy art either. But, be this as it It has never attempted to contest may, if a butch of young madcaps do with horse racing the title of "the seem to frolic and romp rhythmically as sport of kings," but most emphatically if they were enjoying themselves to the



Girls and Gowns Abound in Chorus of Pleasing Vivacity.

SPRIGHTLY MADCAPS KEEP UP WITH STAR

Brimming Over With Life and Ensemble Action That Stirs Audience.

odious person has become such to Stephanie, and Sergius has removed him forcibly from the scene, Sergius and Stephanie proceed to become acquainted.
All is well until Sofia, a habitue of the restaurant, grows jealous of the newcomer. Sofia, cleverly played by Miss Geraldine Malone, proceeds to stir things up at the act's finale by proposing Sergius' favorite toast, "Confusion to Princess Stephanie." Thus the trouble starts. Stephanie declares her identity, tells Bergius very plainly what she thinks of his refusing to come with the other grand dukes to be picked from, and winds up by ordering him to the palace under arrest. One of these thieves in play mas-

querades during its action as Prince Boris of Matalia. The other is his secretary. The real Prince Borls--can you guess it?-has been left neatly trussed in a barn 200 miles from the scene. He had been coming with some pearls to woo Princess Stephanie. Max Hein, the impostor, does not seek Stephanie, he wants only her pearls, too. By like motive Blats, his confederate, is actuated. The comedy of "The Balkan Princess," and there is pienty of comedy, comes from the adventures of these two, particularly of Blatz, played by Teddy Webb, and Blatz's entanglement with the palace charwoman. As the charwoman, Miss Josie Entropodi strikes a new note as a female eccentric impersonator. The former husband of the charwoman, a waiter at the Bohemian cafe, is a comedian of rare talents. Henri, the waiter, is in the hands of Mark Smith. With Teddy Wedd, Miss Entropodi, and Mark Smith in the humorous roles, with some good help from woo Princess Stephanie. Max Hein, the

TIMELY LETTERS TO THE TIMES MAIL BAG

Readers of The Times are invited to use this department as their own-to write freely and frankly with the assurance that no letter not objectionable in language will be denied publication. Letters must not, however, exceed 200 words in length, and must be written only on one side of the paper. Letters must bear the names and add esses of the writers, as evidence of good faith, but the names will not be made public without the consent of the contributors. Address MAIL BAG EDITOR OF THE TIMES.

ARMY AND NAVY ORDERS

TIMELY WARNING

some general references to land investment in the South. You are rendering ticipated in the 'possum hunt. It is a real service to the public by warning not a pursuit in which guns and such against the purchase of land that has like deadly weapons take a part. The not been seen by the purchaser, or that is not handled by a real estate firm of

I have just returned from an 8,000-There is great activity in rural real estate in every direction throughout the South, and actual settlers who have bought after investigation are prosperthe varieties of soil throughout the South are adaptable to so many varied

Your editorials and articles have re-ferred especially to Florida lands. Lands in Florida, just like lands in other States, vary in quality, in con-tour and in accessibility, and should

What's on the Program in Washington Today

Lecture by Dr. Harvey W. Wiley, "Pure Food and Its Relation to Health," be-fore the Home Exercise Club, Y. M. C. A. building, 1735 G street northwest, Concert by Soldiers' Home Band, Solditrs' Home, 3:30 p. m. Concert by Fifteenth Cavalry Band, Potomac Park, 4 p. m. The following Masonic organizations

p. m.
The following K. of P. organizations will meet tonight: Lodges. Union, No. 22; Mt. Vernon, No. 5; Pythian Sisters, Friendship Temple, No. 9, entertainmeat.
The following I. O. O. F. organizations will meet tonight: Lodges, Eastern, No. 7; Harmony, No. 9; Friendship, No. 12; Federal City, No. 20. Encampment, Mt. Nebo, No. 6, grand visita-

Amusements.

National-Robert Edeson, in "The Cave man," 2:15 and 8:15 p. m Relasco—"The Balkan Frincess," 2:15 and 8:20 p. m. Columbia—"The Old Homestead," 8:15 p. m. Chase's-Polite vaudeville, 2:15 and 8:15 p. m. Casino-Vaudeville, 2:15, 3:45, 7:15, and 9 p. m. Cosmos—Continuous vaudeville. Academy-"A Prisoner for Life," 8:15 p m Gayety-Harry Hastings' show, 2 and 8:15 p. m. Lyceum—"The Whirl of Mirth," 2:15 and

never be bought from land peddlers transportation on the electric cars, but, it is against their interest. The people working from a plat, neither should they be bought in small areas as speculation. Florida and the South want settlers and not land speculators. You are entitled to the earnest praise of the Washington public for warning against the purchase of lands from those whose sole interest is along the line of com-mission; for we who are united in the purpose to strengthen the nation through the development of the South, realize that the great South will be damaged through every dissatisfied purchaser. There will be no dissatis-fied purchaser if those who are anxious to buy lands for homes in the South will either investigate the lands by a personal visit, or place themselves in the hands of reliable real estate dealers

operating in the South Itself.
G. GROSVENOR DAWE,
Managing Director,
Southern Commercial Congress.

STREET CARS MADE FOR THE PEOPLE

To the Editor of THE TIMES: I have read with a great deal of in-

terest several well-written editorials and letters bearing on the question of universal transfers, as proposed for the benefit of passengers riding on the

ARMY.

Captain LAMBERT W. JORDAN, ir., commissary, will proceed to Chicago, Ill., and report in person to the pur-

Chaplain JULIAN E. YATES, Coast Artillery Corps, 's relieved from duty at Fort McHenry, Maryland, and will proceed to Fort Howard, Mary-

dajor BLANTON WINSHIP, judge advocate, is relieved from duty in the Western Division, and will repair to this city and report to the Judge Advocate General of the Army for duty in his confernion.

Major RODERICK L. CARMICHAEL. Coast Artilly Corps, is detailed to fill a vacancy in the Quartermaster's

Department, to take effect October 18, 1911, vice Major LAWRENCE S. MILLER, quartermaster, who is re-lieved from detail in that depart-

NAVY.

Commander G. G. MITCHELL, detach-

Commander D. W. BLAMER, detached command Paducah, and will continue treatment Navai Hospital, Ports-

Lieutenant Commander T. C. HART, to

Advocate General duty in his office.

mouth, N. H.

unfortunately, the men who laid out the street car lines did not imitate the system of the superior men who laid system of the superior men who laid another fiction. The fact is the street system of the superior men who laid out the streets of the city. Instead of making their routes long and straight, they made them long and crooked, in many instances going double he necessary distance between two points, and in some cases three times the distance, and in all cases a much greater distance and in all cases a much greater distance than is necessary.

This is a burden upon the traffic from

This is a burden upon the traffic from every point of view. Of course, the street railway men naturally assume that there is only one side to the question of transportation, and that they understand the question better than anybody else; but that is a mere fiction. The passenger side and point of view is the main thing, not only in this controversy, but in the whole system. "The Sabbath was made for man and not man for the Sabbath:" so it is with street cars; they are made for the people who ride in them, and not for the people who own them. people who own them.

When it comes to the matter of ownership, however, the streets belong to the people, and the street car comton to the people, and the street car comton only their agents. They

to the people, and the street car com-panies are only their agents. They commonly make a mistake in supposing themselves to be principals. That is another fiction. The fact is, and the theory and practice should be that the street car companies are agencies to serve the people in the most commodi-ous manner. The people protest against their agents putting an unprecessory street cars of the District. The streets of the District are well laid out on an ideal plan. They are long, straight, wide, and level, and go far to make it easy to provide for quick and easy

R. I.
Ensign H. J. KNEER, resignation as an ensign accepted to take effect October 19.
Acting Assistant Surgeon O. J. MILLER, appointment as an acting assistant surgeon reviked from October 21, 1911.
Pay Director M. C. McDONALD, detached Naval Home, Philadelphia, Pa, to Naval Hospital, Yokohama, Japan.
Passed Assistant Paymaster R. B.

Japan.
Passed Assistant Paymaster R. B.
WESTLAKE, detached Annapolis,
to home and wait orders.
Passed Assistant Paymaster F. W.
HOLT, detached Naval Hospital,
Yokohama, Japan, to home and wait
orders.

orders, atswain J. C. LINDBERG, detached Naval Station, New Orleans, La., to Asiatic Station.

MOVEMENTS OF VESSELS.

Arrived — Montgomery at Newport News; California, West Virginia at San Francisco; Colorado at Mare Island Light, and South Dakota at

Coronado

alled-Eagle, from Charleston for Key
West: Waban, from Pensacola for
Guantanamo; Nerc, from Lambert
Point for San Francisco; Prairie,
from Hampton Roads for Philadelphia, and Hector, from Tompkinsville for Lambert Point.

another fiction. The fact is the street car companies themselves will make much more money by giving the uni-versal transfer than they do by with-holding it. This is so on principle, and can be shown to be so in practice wherever it has been tried.

MARTIN DODGE.

Dodge Park, Md.

REPLIES TO ARTICLE ON WOMAN SUUFFRAGE

To the Editor of THE TIMES: In reply to the editorial in the Post, I cannot do better than to quote from Alice Stone Blackwell: "The attempt to recall Mayor Dilling, of Seattle, has proved abortive. It did not even reach the point of holding an election; the recall petition broke down. There was no truth in the report that it was a movement by the women. It was started by one man and one woman-a couple whose son had been dismissed from a subordinate position in the city employ. The parents were so angry that they sought the mayor's recall; but they failed to carry the majority of their fellow-citizens with them. Instead of the women's organizations supporting the movement, both the Seattle Federation of Women's Clubs and the City Federation of Women's Christian Temperance Unions put forth an explicit statement that they did not indorse it. Thus is pricked another anti-woman bubble. Eastern opponents of woman suffrage and of the recall are circulating a scurrilous cartoon with an article quoting the suppressed recall of Mayor Dilling as a proof of the fickleness of women and the dangers of allowing any recall of public officers." whose son had been dismissed from a call of public officers."

HARRIET J. HIFTON,

President State Equal Suffrage Asso-

Naval Torpedo Station, Newport,

Concert Today

Potomac Park, at 4 p. m. GEORGE F. TYRRELL, Director.

By the Fifteenth Cavalry Band, at

PROGRAM.

March, "Weimer".....Tyrrell Overture, "Rienzi"......Wagner Caprice, "Echo des Bastions"...Kling Excerpts from selection "When Characteristic composition (Ger-

man, Russian, Spanish). Moszkowski Skipping rope dance, "In the Shadows"Finck Selection, "The Girl of My Characteristic two-step, "Darkies"

Holiday"Lincke

"The Star-Spangled Banner."